REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

Support for the Present Amendment:

Claims 2 and 7-10 have been amended for purposes of clarification and not to limit their

original scope. Claims 12-15 are hereby added merely to recite more specific subject matter

deleted from claims 7-10 respectively. No new matter is added by the instant amendment.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be

entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that

the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution

of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number

noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment

associated with this communication, including any extension fees or fees for the net addition of

claims, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Respectfully submitted,

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